CUT MOTION No. 1

The Necessity of Manufacturing Manure

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 832 for seed and manure depot by Re. 1.* The object is *to impress upon the Government the necessity of manufacturing manure on a large scale by the Government and distributing it among the cultivators and realising its value along with the land tax.*

* With the food production drive, we are compelled to adopt intensive method of cultivation and we see that almost all the land available in the State is under cultivation now. If we allow this process to go on for one, two or three years the fertility of the soil will be depleted and the land will become useless. The ordinary manure, usually green manure, cow-dung and other manure will not be sufficient to cope with the situation. So it is high time that the Government should consider the supply of artificial manure. do not say which manure. No doubt, I will suggest ordinary manure obtained by Fowler's process. I am sure the experts in the line will agree with me in the correctness of the statement I have made, I am sure the Hon'ble Members will consult those experts and verify the statements made by me on the question of the depletion of the soil on account of intensive cultivation for a number of years. If that is so, it is certainly desirable that the Government should take some drastic steps in the matter. It would not be enough if the cultivators are left to themselves with the usual advice given to them that they should purchase manure and all that. I think it will be the duty of the Government to supply them with proper manure give them necessary instructions and give them loans on easy terms, so that it may be paid back, as my friend suggested, in his cut motion—the Hon'ble Member for Mattancheri—on the security of the crops. I was even for asking as a great measure of national saving measure—I would have asked the Government to allot a lakh of rupees or two for the manufacture and even free distribution to cultivators, as they are doing for other emergency works; for instance A. R. P. and other works. I would consider such an importance for an agricultural country. If the Government for any reason—and that reason can be only their conservatism—do not find funds, I would ask them to give these as loans to the cultivators. I am very glad the Hon'ble Minister has taken it very seriously and has provided about Rs. 50,000 for manure this year. And I know if he has not provided for more, it is not due to any lack of conviction in the matter.

Deputy President: You may continue your speech tomorrow.

The House rose for the day at 5 p.m.

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